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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
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Buhl, et al.)	Examiner: D.S. Nakarani
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Application No.: 08/466,155)	Art Unit: 1316
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Filed: June 6, 1995)	<u>REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION</u>
)	<u>PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and</u>
For: DRIED CHEMICAL)	<u>§1.112</u>
COMPOSITIONS)	

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 1996. A Petition to Extend the period for response for two months, from January 10, 1997 to March 10, 1997 is enclosed herewith, in triplicate. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with copies of references required by the Examiner (see, Office Action at page 4) is enclosed. An Appointment of Associate Attorney is also enclosed. Finally, a copy of the pending claims are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

REMARKS

The present invention relates to a new format for reagent analysis, in which precisely measured dried aliquots of reagents are packaged for analysis. A copy of the pending claims are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Status of the Claims

Claims 29-32 are pending. The claims were rejected for alleged obviousness over Briggs *et al.* U.S. Pat. No. 3,932,943. As discussed in more detail below, Applicants traverse the rejection.